

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

a master control device comprising an embedded web server, peer interface module, and host software;

a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface module of said master control device to be controlled by said embedded web server; and

means for providing a user operated web browser for communicating with said master control device in order to access said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said ~~plurality of linked devices each comprises~~ a peer interface module of said master control device has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the peer interface modules of said plurality of linked devices ~~module of said master control device~~.

Claim 3 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a device from the group of digital video recorder, digital video encoder, and network camera.

Claim 4 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 3, wherein each digital video recorder is operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 5 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said master control

device and said linked devices are each operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 6 (original): The peer distributed, embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 5, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined EWS devices in said EWS system.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

a master control device comprising an embedded web server, peer interface means and host software;

a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface means of said master control device to be controlled by said embedded web server;

means for providing a user operated web browser for communicating with said master control device in order to access said plurality of linked devices; and

at least one camera operatively connected to said master control device, and at least one camera operatively connected to each of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said ~~plurality of linked devices each comprises peer interface means of said master control device~~ has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the interfaces of said plurality of linked devices peer interface means of said master control device.

Claim 9 (original): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a digital video recorder.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a

multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said master control device ~~and said linked devices are each~~ is operatively connected to each of said at least one camera cameras of said linked devices.

Claim 11 (original): The embedded web server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined devices in said EWS system.

Claim 12 (new): A distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices, comprising:

- a master control device comprising a peer interface having an embedded web server and host software;

- a plurality of linked devices that communicate with, and that are controlled by, said embedded web server of said master control device, said plurality of linked devices each comprising an interface that communicates with the peer interface module of said master control device allowing control of each said linked device by said embedded web server through said interface; and

- a web browser accessible by the master control device that allows the master control device to view each of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 13 (new): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said peer interface module of said master control device has an addressing capability for communicating individually with each of the ~~n~~ interface modules of said plurality of linked devices.

Claim 14 (new): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said master control device and said plurality of linked devices each comprises a device from the group of digital video recorder, digital video encoder, and network camera.

Claim 15 (new): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 14, wherein each digital video recorder is operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 16 (new): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said master control device and said linked devices are each operatively connected to at least one camera.

Claim 17 (new): The distributed system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 16, wherein said web browser provides HTTP commands to said master control device for receiving a video stream from at least one of said predetermined EWS devices in said EWS system.

Claim 18 (new): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 12, further comprising a viewer within web browser that allows each of said linked devices to be viewed by said master control device.

Claim 19 (new): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 18, further comprising a web page within said web browser allows incorporation at least one additional of said linked devices into the distributed server system.

Claim 20 (new): The distributed server system for accessing and controlling a multiplicity of devices in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said web page provides address entry of said at least one additional of said linked devices and incorporation of said at least one additional of said linked into said viewer.